

REMARKS

Claims 1, 11-19, 32, 39-46, 49 and 54 are pending in the application. Claims 2-9, 20-25, 27-31, 33-38, 47-48, and 50-53 have been withdrawn. Claims 1 and 39 have been amended. Claim 10 has been cancelled.

Interview Summary

A telephonic Interview was held on March 3, 2011 regarding this application. The attendees were Examiner Ian Jen, Supervisory Examiner Khoi Tran and myself. Amended claims 1 and 39 were discussed. It was agreed that the proposed amendment of claims 1 and 39 would overcome Koike et al. However, Examiner Jen indicated that the proposed amendment of claims 1 and 39 would introduce new limitations that require further search and consideration.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1, 11-19, 26, 32, 39-46 and 49 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Koike (US Pat. Pub. No. 2003/00006889) in view of Ochi et al. (US Pat. No. 5,913,910). The rejection of these claims in view of Koike '889 and Ochi et al. '910 has been obviated by the amendment of claims 1 and 39. Amended claims 1 and 39 require that the environmental data comprises time of day as an indication of light level, outside air temperature or a current weather condition, or a combination thereof. The sections of Koike '889 noted by the Examiner do not teach or suggest using the time of day as an indication of light level. Further, Koike '889 does not teach or suggest using an outside air temperature or a current weather condition, or any combination of time of day as an indication of light level, outside air temperature or a current weather condition, for determining a probability of the potential collision. Further, Ochi et al. '910 does not provide that which is lacking from Koike '889.

Therefore, the amendment of claims 1 and 39, and claims 11-19, 26 and 32 and 40-46 and 49 that depend from them, respectively, obviates the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Koike '889 in view of Ochi et al. '910, and Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is respectfully requested.

In the event the Examiner has any queries regarding the instantly submitted response, the undersigned respectfully request the courtesy of a telephone conference to discuss any matters in need of attention.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 07-0960.

Respectfully submitted,

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